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Women who are looking for Dress Materials of individuality and style, as well as Dress Materials of quality, will find it both easy and pleasant to make selections at Miller & Rhoads.

Our assortments of Fashionable Woolen Dress Goods were never more complete, never more in harmony with refined tastes. Our prices are very moderate.

## Wool Corduroy, \$1.50 yd.

48 inches wide, in the new two-tone effects, fashionable for both coat suits and one-piece dresses.

## Vigoreaux Whipcords, \$1.50 yd.

50 inches wide, in the newest colorings for tailor-made suits.

## Mannish Serges, \$1.50, \$2 and \$2.50 yd.

54 inches wide, always fashionable, always serviceable, and every well-dressed woman has a mannish blue serge suit always on hand.

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54 inches wide, in the fashionable mixed effects, covers, checks, stripes and Scotch mixtures; excellent for traveling, shopping, autoing, etc.

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50 to 52 inches wide; the best values to be had at the above prices, shown in the newest and most wanted shades.

Main Floor.

## OFFICE BUILDING FOR SOUTHSIDE

Old Leader Structure to Be Remodeled at Cost of \$100,000.

South Richmond, long in need of an adequate office building, will in the near future have a modern, up-to-date structure, provided the present plans of capitalists connected with the Manchester National Bank mature. The Leader Building, which was acquired by them several months ago, will, according to their plans, be remodeled, making the building practically new. The investment will represent an outlay of approximately \$100,000.

The Manchester National Bank will have a home in the new structure which will be the peer of any in the city and far above anything on the south side of the James. The building will be fireproof and will have every modern convenience, including elevators. The lower floor will be occupied by the bank. It has a frontage of forty-six feet on Hull Street and extends along Tenth Street for 120 feet. This floor will be equipped with every convenience for business and the accommodation of patrons.

The upper floors will be devoted wholly to office purposes. Its location in the heart of the Southside and nearness to the courts will make it extremely popular with lawyers, physicians, engineers and other persons requiring office accommodations. While the detailed plans have not yet been settled upon, the preliminary work has all been completed. The parties owning and controlling the Manchester National Bank, as individuals, will own the building. They have made up their minds to begin the improvement as soon as possible. They have had several sets of plans submitted for approval, but have not as yet made a selection.

One of the most serious obstacles to the improvement is the number of long leases now encumbering the building. The city of Richmond recently, at a heavy expense, fitted up a portion of the first floor for the Southern Bell Telephone Company. The American Telephone and Telegraph Company has just installed new equipment at a large outlay of capital. These, as well as the other patrons of the building, will have to get adequate quarters before any work can begin. In addition a temporary location for the bank must be secured. It will be some time before these things can be accomplished, but the improvements can begin before the first of the new year.

## SUSTAINS LOWER COURT

Plaintiff Imposed Upon by R. F. & P. for Blocking Street Abovaid.

An important decision was made by Judge D. C. Richardson in the Hastings case yesterday. In the Hastings case, the plaintiff, R. F. & P., had sought to block the street in front of the Richmond Hotel, and the lower court had granted the injunction. Judge Richardson, in his decision, sustained the lower court's ruling.

The city was represented by Assistant City Attorney Anderson, while Joseph C. Taylor appeared for the plaintiff. The decision was a victory for the city.

When Judge Richardson announced his decision, Attorney Taylor moved for a writ of habeas corpus, but this was denied.

Policeman Loses His Badge. Patrolman A. M. Smith of the First District, some time yesterday lost his badge. He was found by some one who is misappropriating the badge.

## SAVINGS BANK

RICHMOND

THE MAIN BANK

Many people tell us they are afraid to borrow money on Real Estate because charges are too high. Try us and you will change your mind.

UNITED STATES DEPOSITORY

FEDERAL SAVINGS FUNDS

## NEW CRANE TO WHARF TO OPEN TO SHIPS

Vessels Drawing Eighteen Feet May Now Enter Richmond's Harbor.

## REPAIRS TO OLD DOCK

Smaller Craft May Now Come Through Lock to Eighteenth Street.

Ready to receive shipping, both large and small, the city of Richmond opened to trade yesterday its new wharf on James River, and will reopen during the next few days the old ship dock, the lock gates of which have recently been rebuilt.

The Council Committee on Improvement of the James River yesterday afternoon, after an inspection with Mayor Ainslie and other officials, finally accepted the new wharf from the contractors, H. M. Allport & Son. The new wharf stretches along the river front for 590 feet from the mouth of Gillie's Creek to the foot of Nicholson Street. After accepting the wharf, the committee, accompanied by Chairman Grundy, of the Council Finance Committee, City Engineer Bolling and others, visited the old ship dock. Contractor T. J. Nuckolls reported completion of the repairs on the lock gates, and was instructed to make an additional gate, to be ready in emergency, to replace eventually one of the old ones, found almost beyond repair.

Dredging Still to Be Done. A great deal of dredging and other work remains to be done before the dock property will be in good order. The stone work must be repaired, and the obstructions placed by the old William R. Trigg Shipbuilding Company must be removed, but this can be done in the property of the city. The gates will be thrown open to craft drawing fourteen feet or less by the end of this week. Until the Council adopts a new schedule of tariffs, the old tolls will be charged. The Chesapeake and Ohio Railway Company will be charged on the tonnage of vessels entering the dock.

The committee then boarded the city tug "Tuscarora" and steamed for four or five miles down the river, viewing the harbor and channel work now being done by the United States government, which is expending \$225,000 to remove the obstructions of the upper James, most of the work being within the Richmond harbor.

## Wharf Cost \$23,900.

On the tug a meeting of the Committee on James River Improvement was held to receive reports and approve pay rolls. Assistant Engineer Fontaine Jones, who has had supervision of the construction of the new wharf, reported that the work was completed. The committee then returned to the city, and the wharf was formally accepted. The total cost of the wharf, not counting the property acquired by the city several years ago, has been \$23,900. The committee ordered payment of \$3,017 to H. M. Allport & Son in final settlement.

City Engineer Bolling reported that the government had consented to allow its contractor, the P. & S. and B. Co., to use the wharf for the storage of material pumped from the channel by the city dredge, which material is to be placed back of the new wharf, making a wagon way for the handling of freight. Arrangements were made for water plugs and connections for supplying city water to vessels at the new wharf.

Refreshments were served on board the tug by H. M. Allport & Son, who had as their guests a number of prominent men, in addition to the city officials and members of the committee. The United States government channel at this time up to the Richmond harbor is eighteen feet at low tide, to be eventually deepened to twenty-two feet. When the small rock ledge to which the tug is now moored is removed, large vessels drawing eighteen feet may tie up directly to the new wharf and unload to cars on the adjacent railway tracks. Plans are being prepared for a wharf to handle a great freight and other arrangements for the convenience of shippers.

Justice Crutcher on Bench. Police Justice Crutcher resumed his work upon the bench yesterday morning, almost fully recovered from his recent illness. Justice Crutcher had been away from the bench for several weeks. He returned to his duties after his return home was confined to his bed for a short while.

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## REASONS GIVEN FOR SUBURBAN SALE

President of Company Reveals Remarkable Facts to Holders of Preferred Stock.

## WAS IN DANGER OF FAILURE

Competition, Following Dismemberment of American Tobacco Co. Threatened Shipwreck.

In a letter marked "Confidential," and addressed to the holders of preferred stock of the Surbrug Corporation, J. W. Surbrug, president of the company, reveals surprising bits of information in connection with the recent taking over of the Surbrug Corporation, lately incorporated in this State with a capital of \$50,000,000. It appears from this correspondence that the sale of the Surbrug Corporation's plants, one of which is located in Richmond, was made necessary by the inability of the company to meet the fierce competition which followed the dismemberment of the American Tobacco Company by the United States Supreme Court.

The letter, which bears the date of September 12, 1914, and which has been sent out before the sale of the Surbrug plants to the Tobacco Products Corporation, was announced, reads in part as follows: "Owing to the disintegration of the American Tobacco Company into four distinct parts, the competition that has been made is of such a nature as to make it impossible for the Surbrug Company to continue to do business. Each day their business is declining with such remarkable rapidity that something has got to be done at once to protect the stockholders."

"Up until the first day of December, 1914, the company was making money and was going on successfully, but since that time we have lost over \$50,000, and the probabilities are that our loss will be greater if we continue under the present conditions."

"I have endeavored in every way to find a purchaser for the company, and, after a lot of trouble, found a buyer, but the price offered was so low that I do not know. I am sorry to say, I do not know. The only information I can convey is that the buyer is one of the largest tobacco companies in the world. They have made an offer for the assets of the company, we to liquidate the liabilities, which will mean that they will get their money back. They will get 100 cents on the dollar."

"Did you notice the last dividend? This was on account of our lawyers prohibiting us to pay same, as the dividend was not earned. If this deal goes through it will be a great success for us, and we must have your stock as quickly as possible, therefore we should kindly request that you should send your stock signed in blank on the back exactly as it is on the face and witnessed and sent in by registered mail to either Mr. Jones or myself, and we will send you a check for it, as soon as I can get this stock to the Astor Trust Company, to get the money on same."

"The Surbrug Company has been in existence for years—I have worked over and over for it, and I have struggled to build it up to its present position, and the only reason why it is in this position is because of the tremendous competition that we face—the board of directors have studied the matter very carefully and have concluded that the only way to do it is to sell before a failure comes, because if a failure should come the stock would be worth nothing at all. It stands today, I do not own a dollar's worth of preferred stock—all of my holdings are common, for which I received a little over nothing."

"I trust you will kindly help yourself and also help me by sending just as promptly as possible your stock to the company, and we will send you a check for it, as soon as I can get this stock to the Astor Trust Company, to get the money on same."

Chairman Sends Resignation to President of Board of Aldermen.

Charles Hutzler, for many years a member of the City School Board, and for some time past its chairman, tendered his resignation yesterday to the President of the Board of Aldermen. It is anticipated that a joint session of the City Council and Board of Aldermen will be called for next Monday night to act on the resignation and to select a new member of the board.

Mr. Hutzler gave no reasons for his action in his letter to President Adams, which merely read: "I tender herewith my resignation of the position of school trustee of the city of Richmond."

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## NORRISSE WANTS TO BE ADMITTED

Citizens Hold Meeting in Barton Heights School and Discuss Annexation.

## DISTRICT HAS 8,000 PEOPLE

Plan General Appeal to City Council to Back Up Separate Petitions.

Twenty-seven citizens, representing Barton Heights, Highland Park and other suburban districts north of Richmond, who met last night in the assembly room of the Barton Heights school building, put themselves on record as favoring the incorporation within the city limits of the territories for which they stood, and appointed a committee to draft a general petition to the City Council asking for annexation.

The plan of the movement is for each community to make its own application to the city and frame its own separate petition, and the arguments in favor of the step have been brought out in various meetings. It was pointed out last night that the lack of an adequate water supply was one of the conditions which makes incorporation desirable if not necessary. Not only will connection with the city mains give the residents of the section all that they need for domestic consumption and fire fighting, but it will also insure a pure supply free from infection and remove danger of epidemics.

Another advantage that incorporation will bring will be the steady maintenance of streets and lights. The point was made by several speakers that the improvement companies which have developed the district cannot or cannot afford to keep the streets and lights after their interests have been sold out. The only recourse which the citizens will then have will be the formation of citizens' associations or separate towns, unless annexation takes place.

Mayor Ragland, of Barton Heights, and Dr. R. W. Miller, of the Barton Heights Town Council, told the meeting that their corporation had about reached its limit so far as taxation for these purposes was concerned, since the tax rate was already as high as it could be placed, and the citizens refused to grant a special assessment.

The question of taxation was one of the drawbacks to annexation in the eyes of most of the speakers. They feared that the city would raise their taxes and that some of the taxes would be levied on the property of the citizens at which they now stand.

Various other advantages were discussed, such as the general increase in property values of the annexed district, and added prosperity of the entire city in which most of the real estate in the territory seeking annexation is located.

The fact was brought out that the Chamber of Commerce has on foot a general plan for annexation of outlying territory, and that some of the residents waiting until the chamber should have acted. When the motion to appoint a committee was finally passed, this question was undecided.

E. M. McClure was elected permanent chairman of the meeting and J. B. McComb, secretary. Mr. McClure said that he would announce the names of the special committee later. Among those who spoke in favor of annexation were Julien Gunn, Dr. R. W. Miller, Mayor Ragland, of Barton Heights, and J. A. Redd.

MEN OF CHURCH MEET

City Problems Discussed at Supper of St. Paul's Association.

Better housing conditions in the poorer sections of the city, improvement in sanitary matters, attacks on moral vice, were placed on the agenda of the St. Paul's Episcopal Church, which held its first meeting of the season last night. Supper was served by St. Paul's Association.

President Supper Hutton, of the association, presided. Among other speakers were Judge R. Carter Scott, E. Randolph Williams, and W. W. Wood. Rev. W. Wood, D. D., of the First Baptist Church.

The Men's Association has committees to handle city problems and to take up social questions. The problems of St. Paul's as a downtown church received special attention.

Cole in Berlin.

J. Quincy Cole, until recently organist of the Second Presbyterian Church, has left for Berlin, where he will continue his musical studies. His performance with the Philharmonic Orchestra has won him local recognition, and his bright future is predicted for the young man. He will remain in Germany at least two years.

State Chapter of American Guild of Organists Outlines Season's Work.

Public services and organ recitals for the purpose of educating the people to the best church music rendered under ideal conditions were planned for the cities of Virginia last night at a meeting of the executive committee of the Virginia State Chapter, American Guild of Organists, in the Jefferson Hotel. J. J. Miller of Norfolk, dean of the chapter, presided. The aim of this organization, which was called for the purpose of outlining the coming season's work.

While the dates for public services and organ recitals under the plan of the guild were not fixed last night, it was definitely determined that at least three services will be held in Richmond this season and one a month in some city of the State. The following cities are represented in the guild, and will have public services: Richmond, Norfolk, Williamsburg, Portsmouth, Petersburg, Lynchburg, Roanoke, Staunton and Danville.

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## \$3.00 Derbies at \$1.95

Thousands of you men will recollect our phenomenal offering of Straw Hats at \$1.65 during last and previous seasons. This offering of Derbies is just as great. We are making a specialty of this hat for your benefit. Value \$3.00; special price, \$1.95.

## Gans-Rady Company

## R.R. BLACKSMITHS TO MEET HERE

International Association to Hold Convention at Jefferson Next August.

The annual convention of the International Railroad Blacksmiths' Association will be held in Richmond the third week of August, 1915, in the Jefferson Hotel. This convention, which draws 100 and more delegates, will be in session four days. Final arrangements for having the big gathering come here were completed only yesterday.

The annual sessions of the International Railroad Blacksmiths' Association draws delegates from every portion of the civilized globe, every railroad of any importance whatsoever being represented in its discussions. The meeting of this association always attracts a great following of railway supply houses and representatives, and the display of these concerns is a feature of the convention.

## EXPECT GOOD CROWD

Committee Hopes for Big Democratic Rally To-Morrow Night.

The campaign committee of the City Democratic Committee, composed of Dr. Charles V. Carrington (chairman), E. W. Evans and William C. Pulliam, expects to get a good crowd at the Jefferson Hotel to-morrow night to hear Henry C. Stuart, of Russell, and Judge R. T. W. Duke, of Charlottesville. This hall is regarded as much more accessible than the City Auditorium, and therefore more convenient to the public.

City Chairman Martin will preside and will introduce the speakers.

Moves to Set Verdict Aside. Danby C. McCann, through his attorney, Harold S. Bloomberg, moved to set aside the verdict which was returned against him in the Circuit Court yesterday in the suit which he recently brought against J. A. Zaun, to recover \$200, which he claims to be due him on a real estate deal. Judge Scott denied the motion for further consideration.

Irving A. Sutherland secured a judgment for \$250 for a feed bill, and H. H. Lukens secured a judgment for \$100 for a bill from B. W. Adams on a building transaction.

## MASONS CELEBRATE

Richmond-Randolph Lodge Entertains in Honor of 125th Anniversary.

High officers of the Masonic order, dignitaries of the city and State,